

I oppose this proposal. Since Amateur Radio Operators no longer need to certify that they are active on the air, there is no way to equate "20 years" of time holding a license with any presumed operating experience. The FCC has drastically reduced the requirements for an Amateur license and made it much easier to sit for tests through the VEC program, so there is little excuse for anyone seriously interested in holding a particular class of license not to take the test. Indeed, this writer would like to see the tests made much more comprehensive, particularly in the areas of proper operating procedures and conduct on the air.